THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHR VASANT SATHE): (a) 80 new telephone exchanges (excluding conversions) have been set up in various parts of Gujarat during the last three years (1985—88) as mentioned below:—

Year	Number of new telephone exchanges opened
1985-86	39
1986-87	31
1987-88 (upto 2/88)	10

(b) During the next three years (1988—91) it is propoced to set up about 50 new telephone exchanges of MAX. III type in Gujarat subject to demand for new telephone connections. This does not include conversion or expansion of present telephone exchanges.

(c) Three manual exchanges have been approved for converting into electronic ones in Gujarat as mentioned below:

(i) 240 lines manual exchange working at Rajula by 512 Port I.L.T. electronic exchange during 1988-89.

(ii) 3000 lines Manual exchange working at Navsari by 7000 lines E-10B electronic exchange. The equipment has been allotted for year 1990-91.

(iii) 3200 lines Manual exchange working at Jetpur by 5000 lines E-10B electronic exchange. The exchange has been allotted for year 1990-91.

Four manual exchanges have been converted into electronic exchanges at Porbander, Veraval, Gandhidham and Kodinar.

Gas from coal for thermal power stations

2669. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether any project for producing gas out of coal and for use of such gas in the thermal power stations has been evaluated in Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

CBI Raid on CCL Manager's Residence

2670. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the residence of the Area Manager of the Central Coalfields Limited (CCL) was recently raided by CBI; and

(b) if so what are the details in this regard and what action has been taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COAL IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI C. K. JAFFAR SHARIEF): (a) and (b) The Dhanbad Branch of the Central Bureau of Investigation registered a case RC 19/87 u/s 5(2) r/w 5 (1) (e) of PC Act (Disproportionate Assets) against one Shri Jagdish Kumar Gulati, General Manager, Kathara Area under Central Coalfields Limited on 26.10.1987 as part of the special drive organised by the CBI. Immediately after registration of the case, simultaneous searches were carried out by the CBI

at office and residence of Shri J. K. Gulati at Kathara and at his house in New Delhi. During the search at New Delhi, the raiding party seized hard cash to tune of Rs. 7,92,310/-. The total assets discovered following searches amounted to Rs. 16,65,941.97 which includes cash, bank accounts etc. and house-hold goods assessed at Rs. 2,13,595/-. CBI investigations are in progress. Pending receipt of investigation report from CBI, Shri J. K. Gulati, General Manager has been transferred by the CCL Management from Kathara Area to the Head Quarters on administrative grounds and further action, including disciplinary action, will be taken after receipt of investigation report from CBI.

Execution of various Thermal Power Projects

2671. KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the progress made so far in the execution of various thermal power plants envisaged in the currrent plan period both in the Central and State sectors;

(b) whether some of these projects are not likely to be completed by the end of the Plan; if so, what are the names thereof; and

(c) what steps are being taken by Government to ensure their completion at least in the central sector during the Seventh Five Year Plan period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) Thermal capacity totalling 15,999 MW was programmed for commissioning during the 7th Plan period. As against this thermal capacity of 7277 MW in the Central and State Sectors, has already been commissioned/rolled upto end February, 1988.

(b) As per the present assessment, the thermal projects which are not likely to be completed by the end of the Seventh Plan period are Neyveli 2nd Minecut Extn. Unit-IV, Tuticorin Extn. Unit-V, Tenughat Unit-I, Lakwa Gas Turbine Units, V, VI, VII and VIII, Birsinghpur Unit-I, Kolaghat Unit-I, Bokaro 'B' Units II & III and Kolaghat Extension Unit-IV.

(c) A number of measures have been taken to expedite the implementation of power projects including those in the Central Sector which include regular monitoring of the projects by the Central Electricity Authority to expedite supply of equipments and materials, visits to projects sites by engineers of the CEA to identify and resolve constraints, organising review meetings of agencies concerned etc. The need to obviate time and cost overruns is also being constantly emphasised on Project Authorities.

Import of Car Phones

2672. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to import car phones, if so, what are the details regarding the quantity and value thereof;

(b) the amount of foreign exchange likely to be spent; and

(c) the reasons for which these are being imported?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) Yes, Sir. It is proposed to introduce modern cellular mobile radio telephone system in Bombay with an initial capacity of 1200 lines on experimental basis. The estimated cost of this system is Rs. 9.5 crores approximately. The capacity of this system is likely to be expanded later to 5000 lines. Similar system is also